Parked cars a hazard, buses may not stop

The Welland Transit Bus system will not pick up students on college property if cars continue to block driveways.

Joe Hrechanyk, Welland transit superintendent, said many bus drivers are complaining of the difficulty in manoeuvring large city buses around parked cars in bad weather. Vehicles have been illegally parked along the curb in the front of the Merritt building, just outside parking lot A for some time now.

Complaints from the bus drivers have prompted the Welland Transit to decide the fate of the First Avenue and Niagara College bus stop this week at a city hall meeting, he said. The committee will discuss possible solutions to the parking problem.

If the area cannot be cleared of cars, then buses will be rerouted; they will stop only at Hennepin Hall and maybe at the college entrance at First Avenue.

DANGEROUS HABITS

"This (parking along the curb) is a real inconvenience and an unsafe practice." It causes delays in service and scheduling problems when there is only one lane open for the buses to pass by the cars along the curb. If a car pulls out in front of a bus the driver cannot back up because it is dangerous.

"It is our policy not to back up because of poor visibility and the size of the buses," Mr. Hrechanyk said.

"One of the bus drivers has observed the same car parked along the curb for some time with five parking tickets lying on the dashboard."

Jack Spittle, plant and property manager, said he will start towing cars if the parking tickets continue to be ignored. The tickets have been effective in some cases but "the parking habits of students may drive the buses off the campus."

START PROTEST

Mr. Spittle is hoping students who use the bus system will start protesting against the illegal parkers when they find out they have to walk farther. This might get the attention of the delinquent parkers.

The problem is that students who own cars do not want to walk. "I always see empty parking spaces available," he said.

Mr. Hrechanyk said similar parking problems have interfered with the bus service before, but not to this extreme. "The problem appears to be getting worse. The cars seem to be getting closer to the door of the Merritt building."

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Illegally parked cars blocked the entrance for Welland transit buses. If nothing is done to eleviate this problem the Transit Commission is threatening to withdraw its college pickup service.

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RESOURCE CENTRE

81% of graduates get full-time jobs

By BLAIR CARR
Staff Writer

Even though the Niagara Peninsula's job market is "hurting" at this point in time, placement officer Ken Anderson said 1986 Niagara graduates "did reasonably well" in finding jobs as placement figures were "very similar" to 1985.

Eighty-one per cent of graduates (701 of 863) found full-time jobs in their fields, and another 7.1 per cent (61) found full-time work in other areas. Statistics, compiled Dec. 31, 1986, show 1,005 total graduates and 863 of these were available for work.

Courses with good related work placement rates were: hotel restaurant administration (100 per cent with 28 grads), early childhood education (94 per cent, 35 of 37) and nursing (93.5 per cent, 87 of 93).

Using the figure of 103 nursing graduates as an example, Mr. Anderson said, "It's a big school — by the same token placement rates are pretty good."

Law and security was the one bleak spot with only 38 per cent (19 of 49) of graduates finding jobs related to police work.

However, Mr. Anderson does not recommend or discourage programs based on placement statistics.

LIKE IT

"You should take a program because you like it and are going to be successful."

"There is always somebody who is going to get a job in the field," but there are likely to be more students in programs where job placement is lower, Mr. Anderson said.

Not all courses turned out as many graduates as LASA and therefore eliminated those unfit for work prior to graduation. A course such as interior design had 100 per cent placement with only one graduate of a possible 11 available for work.

"It all boils down to the individual," Mr. Anderson, a placement officer for 18 years, said. "It's like bottling wine. Some years you have vintage years (with intelligent individuals) and others you don't"

Information is obtained by Mr. Anderson and Shirley Roberto at the placement office by phone calls and questionnaires. Data is used by the college and the Ministry of Colleges and Universities.

Job placement according to schools was: applied arts and health sciences, 80 per cent; applied science and technology, and business, 82 per cent.

Regardless of whether graduates get related jobs in their field, Mr. Anderson stressed the importance of having a college education to prosper in the work force.

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Students, faculty, staff to be on college boards

By LORI FLAXY
Staff Writer

Students, faculty and support staff are to have seats on community college boards of governors, possibly as early as September, Gregory Sorbara, Minister of Colleges and Universities, announced last Wednesday.

Speaking in the Ontario Legislature, Mr. Sorbara announced changes "to update and strengthen governance mechanisms," — the first major changes in the more than 20 years since the colleges began.

The changes, following recommendations made in the Pitman report released last summer, include redefining the role of the Council of Regents, the governing body of the colleges; and examination of the "effectiveness" of the present collective bargaining system.

NO VOTE YET

One representative each from students, faculty, support staff and administration is to sit on the boards of governors of the 22 colleges. To begin with, they will not have voting privileges, "pending a resolution of potential conflict of interest questions and a review of their role over the next two years."

"The initiatives which I have announced today continue the process of rejuvenation and revitalization to which this government is committed and will strengthen the effectiveness of a college system which plays such an integral role in the economic and social fabric of this province," Mr. Sorbara said.

GREGORY SORBARA

Kathleen Harvey, president of Niagara's Student Administrative Council, attended a Toronto meeting between Mr. Sorbara and students. She said she was pleased that students will be represented on the boards, but "We were hoping for two students."

Kathleen, who is also the southwestern regional representative of the six colleges in western Ontario, said that, though the new board members would not have a vote this year, they would be able to attend in-camera meetings and have access to documents.

Mr. Sorbara said, "We are building on the existing strengths of an exceptional system of community colleges and the changes I am announcing today are a part of our total commitment to excellence in education."

MORE EFFECTIVE

The changes will increase communication and consultation within the college community which will make for more effective management.

The Council of Regents will provide in-depth, objective advice to the minister on issues affecting the entire college system. It will advise the minister on long-term strategic plans for the college system and "will continue to be responsible for the appointment of the external members of the college boards of governors, and, for the time being at least, collective bargaining and the establishment of salaries and conditions of employment of non-union staff."

Mr. Sorbara will appoint a colleges collective bargaining commission; it will consist of one person — not yet named — who should submit a final report by the end of 1987.

"The legislation governing collective bargaining in the colleges has not been reviewed since its implementation and the commission will undertake a comprehensive examination of the existing legislation governing negotiation, including the issue of bargaining rights for part-time college employees."

NEW COUNCILS

In addition to expanded boards, each college will establish a council with representation from college faculty, administration, other staff and students. This council will advise the college president on a wide range of academic issues, including teaching methods and standards, grading and promotion policies, student appeals, awards and scholarships.

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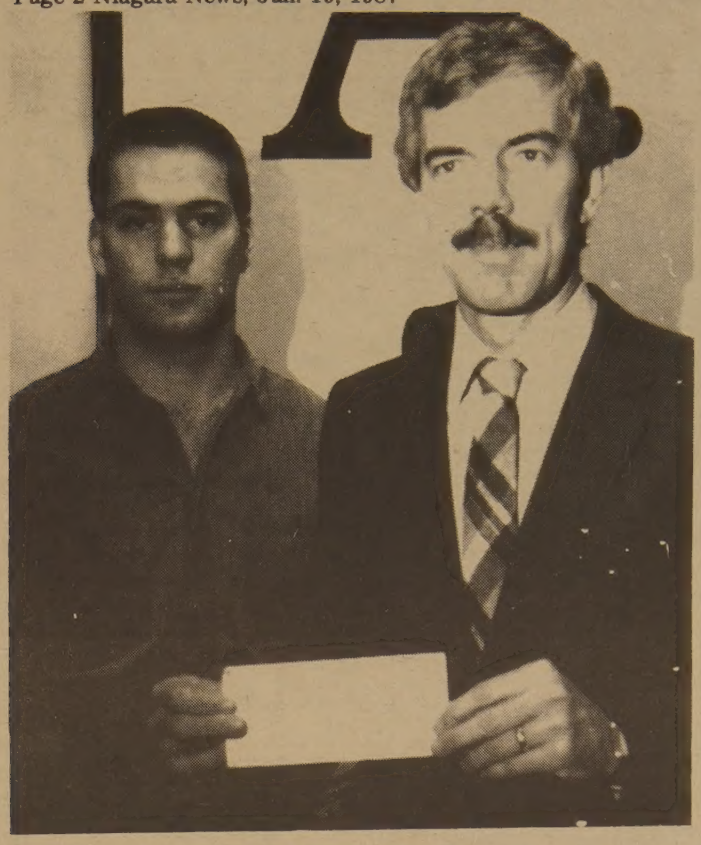

United Way gets $500

Dave Rapelje, SAC vice president of external affairs, presents Foster Zanutto, director of information services at Niagara College and campaign chairman for the United Way, with a $500 donation to the United Way. The money was raised at a Beach Party pub held Dec. 3 at the Aqua Duck. The United Way and its 22 member agencies help hundreds of people each year who look for food, shelter, friendship, recreation, and personal and family counselling. Fay Owen, executive director of the United Way of South Niagara, said, "The money the community gives to us doesn't belong to the United Way it belongs to the community."

Photo by Martin Pokol

New teachers, co-ordinator replace ailing Peter Mansfield

There are a lot of new faces at Niagara's horticultural centre, but not all of them belong to students.

Peter Mansfield, co-ordinator of the horticultural program at the satellite campus in St. Catharines, took ill "quite suddenly" shortly before Christmas, acting co-ordinator Tom Ball said.

Mr. Ball replaced Mr. Mansfield as the centre's co-ordinator for the winter term. Mr. Mansfield is "under the care of his doctor and his wife," and is expected back in April, Mr. Ball said.

Mr. Ball's reduction of available teaching time has led to the hiring of part-time instructor Mary Williams to teach greenhouse management in his place.

TEACHER RESIGNED

Margaret Fleming, another horticultural instructor, resigned last term and was replaced by Ron Marchuk to teach greenhouse vegetable production and indoor or interior plants.

Also teaching part-time is Jorg (George) Leiss, who has taken over Mr. Mansfield's course in ornamentals which deals with flowering shrubs and coniferous material.

Mr. Leiss was plant manager for Sheridan Nursery in Toronto and has more than 20 years experience in horticulture. Mr. Leiss is "very knowledgeable in the industry" and a "real gentleman," Mr. Ball said.

With Mr. Mansfield's illness and Mrs. Fleming's resignation last term, "we had to do some real scrambling, but we're lucky to have these individuals," Mr. Ball said.

With Mr. Mansfield absent, Mr. Ball quickly realized what a stress situation his job could be, but "I'm hopeful Mr. Mansfield will be back in April or early May — it depends on him and his doctor."

Kerr to be honored

Marian Kerr has retired from the Health Centre after 18 years' dedication. A retirement dinner is being held in her honor on Wednesday at Rose Villa, Welland.

The organizers of the dinner are Dorothy Doyle, counsellor in student services; Brigitte Chiki, a counsellor in student services, with the assistance of Betty Lou DiMattio, executive secretary and Mary Petruzella, admissions officer.

Miss Doyle said they are organizing the dinner because Mrs. Kerr "is a special lady who should be honored."

She described Mrs. Kerr as being modest, warm, caring, sincere and dedicated to her work at Niagara College.

After retirement Mrs. Kerr will enjoy life, her bridge club, studying French and oil painting she said.

About 90 people are expected to attend. Guest speakers at the dinner will be a member of the Student Administrative Council representing the student body; members of the college faculty and Dr. Gerry Alexander from the Health Clinic.

Services for John Skinner held last week in Port

Funeral services for John Skinner, long-time media services employee at Niagara College, were held Jan. 9 in Port Colborne. Mr. Skinner died Jan. 6 in his 76th year at his residence, 64 Steele St., Port Colborne.

Mr. Skinner worked at Niagara College for 16 years, retiring in 1984. Born in Scotland, he was the son of the late David and Janet Skinner. He came to Canada in 1948 and lived in Toronto for five years and Welland for 10 years before moving to Port Colborne.

He worked for the Niagara South Board of Education for seven years before coming to the college.

Funeral services were held at the Armstrong Funeral Chapel, Port Colborne, with Capt. Gerald Cory of the Salvation Army officiating. Burial followed in Pleasantview Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Skinner is survived by his wife, Minnie; a son, Kelvin of Gananoque; two daughters, Mrs. Bruce Moore (Anne) of Port Colborne, and Mrs. Jack LaFontaine (June) of Welland; a brother, Robert in Alberta, and a sister, Mrs. Anne Horton of St. Catharines.

Donations may be made to the Salvation Army or any charity.

Steve Veige dead at 74

Steven Veige, 74, a former Niagara College employee, died at Welland County General Hospital Friday, Jan. 9. Services were held Monday, Jan. 12.

Mr. Veige was employed by the college for 10 years as a maintenance custodian. He was an electrician before coming to the college. He retired in 1979.

He is survived by his wife, Elsie Walker Veige, three sons, two sisters, seven grandchildren and several neices and nephews.

Donations to the Canadian Diabetic Association would be appreciated.

The Fashion Club Boutique invites you to a Brand New Year of Terrific Styles.

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A. S. Tony Manera becomes CBC's senior vice-president

By MAUREEN MARTIN
Staff Writer

A. S. (Tony) Manera, former Niagara College president, was appointed senior vice-president of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in Ottawa last December.

Mr. Manera, then 31, was the youngest person ever to head an Ontario community college. He served from 1972 to 1978.

He was appointed to his new position at the CBC after 20 months as CBC's vice-president of human resources. He is in charge of vice-presidents of such areas as engineering, law, human resources and finance. He reports directly to Pierre Juneau, CBC president.

In 1978 Mr. Manera left Niagara to become president of Vancouver Community College. He joined the CBC in 1985.

Mr. Manera, 46, said the transition from college president to CBC vice-president was not difficult. "The fundamental issues are not all that different although the nature of the product is different."

PROBLEMS SIMILAR

"The problems in public organizations are not all that different from colleges," he said. Administration has to deal with people, financial problems and trying to "reconcile public expectations and available resources."

Working at the CBC is "very exciting." The organization "reflects Canada — all the excitement and problems of the nation.

Looking back at his time at Niagara College, he said the high point was "getting faculty and students pulling in the same direction" towards common goals.

Mr. Manera moved from colleges to a major corporation because he "felt the time was right for a change."

His associations with "change" have led to success — for Niagara College, while he was here, and now for himself.

David Bowie? No but an incredible likeness. Wellander Dave McPherson, lead singer of the David Bowie tribute band Cracked Actor, mesmerized the crowd while singing his favorite Bowie tune, Life on Mars, at the Aquaduck Wed. 14. After seeing him perform, it's hard to believe Dave when he says he's only been playing live for six months, since everything about him is reminiscent of Bowie. The crowd showed their approval by ending each song with screams and whistles. The band plays at Collingwood next, then moves on to London.

Photo by Phil Beatty

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Community, college working together

Niagara College and the community will have to work together closely if the college hopes to maintain the present level of courses offered.

Laura Barr, acting chairman of the Council of Regents, said decreasing secondary school enrolment is a major concern of the colleges as most of the government funding is allocated according to student enrolment levels.

"You should be very proud of the college and any encouragement and support the community can give is good," Miss Barr said at a press conference in Niagara-on-the-Lake in December.

NEED REDIRECTION

The college must look at how the community complexion has changed and redirect courses to the needs of the community, she said. "The college has a very good series of programs and a number of ways to keep tabs through advisory committees and many people in the community.

NO RESERVES

John Humber, director of the college affairs branch of the ministry of colleges and universities and executive secretary of the Council of Regents, said that it is the ministry's position that the colleges should not have large reserve funds. The colleges are permitted to have a working balance of one-tenth of their revenues. He said the ministry does not want the reserves just sitting around accruing interest.

"The government does not have a policy for reserves," Mr. Humber said. "It is the task of the college to provide the best service it can with the resources it has. A well managed college never has reserves."

Miss Barr said the Council of Regents supports student representation on the board of governors. Many colleges have participating student members on the boards who have everything but voting priveleges. "The boards have been traditionally an objective and outside influence."

George Bowen dies in Mexico

George Bowen, first president of Niagara College, died in Mexico earlier this month. He was buried in Winnipeg.

Dr. Bowen was appointed president of the college when it opened in 1967 and served until 1971, when he was appointed assistant deputy minister of the Manitoba Department of Mines, Resources and Environmental Management.

He held a PhD in organic chemistry from McGill University and spent more than 14 years in management in industry and worked as an adviser with the provincial Ministry of Education and the federal Manpower and Citizenship Department.

Dr. Bowen was also a fellow in the National Chemical Society. As assistant deputy minister in the Manitoba environment department, he was responsible for organizing and directing the environmental management division in the province.

Enrolment declines

Full-time student population has dropped 3.2 per cent at Niagara College at the beginning of the winter semester, but John Parrett, registrar, said the drop is less than last year's.

Student population went from 3,323 in the fall term to 3,214, a difference of 109 students.

In 1985 student population went from 3,431 in the Fall to 3,267 in the winter semester, a difference of 164 students.

Though full-time student population is dropping, Continuing Education is having "a booming business." Mr. Parrett estimates the total CE registration will be up 20 per cent over last year's 26,000 course registrations.

He said students withdraw over the Christmas holidays of their own volition; possibly they have not done well in their field of study or they simply do not want to return.

Fighting toxic waste is a battle to be won

By BOBBIE STOREY
Staff Writer

Fighting toxic waste is a hard battle that must be fought on a daily basis.

"Citizens who are outraged must stand up and be proud to stand up and demand a clean enviroment," Joyce McLean, chairperson for Greenpeace, an enviromental organization, told about 60 students and teachers in the Hamilton Room Jan. 8.

Mrs. Mclean said industry must change its process or base products or stop producing goods that put toxic wastes into the enviroment.

WILL BENEFIT

It may cost, but in the long run it will benefit society; industries cannot afford not to put measures in to stop toxic waste, she said. Studies show that only two per cent of the work force will be displaced during the change-over; the jobs must be sacrificed for the human species.

Forty million people in Canada and the United States live around the Great Lakes. They rely on the lakes for their drinking water, for recreation and for transportation. These people have 20 per cent more health problems than people anywhere else in North America because of the chemicals being deposited in the water by industry and agriculture, a 1985 report by the Royal Society for Canada and the U.S. National Research Council stated.

NEW AGREEMENTS

In 1964 the International Joint Commission (IJC), which is a commission designed to help the governments carry out their treaty obligations, called for an international effort to clean up the lower lakes. This result in the signing of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement in 1972 which was followed by a more comprehensive agreement in 1978. This agreement states, "The discharge of toxic substances in toxic amounts be prohibited and the discharge of any or all persistent toxic substances be virtually eliminated."

Persistent substances are chemicals that stay in the environment; they cannot be adequately disposed of or destroyed. One example is DDT, a chemical used in agriculture, which was banned in the 1970's. It is still being found in water, fish and wildlife of the Great Lakes.

INTO RIVERS

Today, Dow Chemical in the Midland, Michigan, is allowed to discharge 238 toxic chemicals into the Tittabawasse River and Occidental Chemical Company pollutes the Niagara River with 200 pounds of chemical waste per day, the speaker said.

"Industry is controlling and usurping existing government regulations in the name of serving the public with consumer goods or in the name of preserving jobs," she said. "That means we are all responible for the mess we find ourselves in.

"It is our responsibility to ensure that the world we pass on to our children is worth having. The Great Lakes are a marvellous resource that we have been taking from for the last 350 years. Isn't it the time we started treating them with the care they deserve, so they can properly heal to help the life dependent upon them to also recover?

"This pollution cannot go on if we expect our health to continue."

3P PLAN

The 3M corporation has set up a plan to stop waste called the 3P plan — pollution prevention which was tarring their image.

Greenpeace has set up an educational program for the public school level because if pollution does not stop it will be a problem for future generations.

Greenpeace is a small organization, it has only 30 staff members in Canada. It began in 1970 in Vancouver and has expanded to 17 countries worldwide. It deals with a variety of issues such as nuclear disarmament, ocean ecology which involves whales and seals, as well as toxic waste problems. Most of its money comes from donations being $25. It gets no government grants and has limited corporate sponsorships. Greenpeace averages $1 million gross revenue per year in Canada alone. Twenty per cent of this goes to administration and the rest goes to campaigns.

To donate to Greenpeace, the address is : 427 Bloor St. West, Toronto, M5S 1X7 and the phone number is 416-922-3011.

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A nation's decision

The value of human life cannot be measured in dollars and cents nor should it be. The Canadian government does not recognize the necessity of a plebiscite to decide on the critical issue of the death penalty.

A call for the reform of the death penalty to Canada was a Progressive Conservative campaign plank during the federal elections more than two years ago and still no action has been taken.

As the political term nears exhaustion, the topic has come up for consideration again. A nationwide vote, the government says, would be too costly. A decision which involves everyone's safety and conscience has been left in the hands of regional Member of Parliament.

The cost of keeping criminals in prisons for life would surely exceed those of a national election. This does not seem to be of importance to our trusted leaders.

In this day of high technology it is possible to run a thrifty election through the use of lottery machines. The critic will say that people will take advantage of the system but mailing voting cards should lay this concern to rest.

Voting Canadians have the right to choose who will raise the taxes and battle unemployment. Why then, should these people not have the right to decide which citizens will be affected by a decision on the death penalty?

It should not be left up to a few selected people to determine the future of these unfortunate souls — be they the victims or the criminals. We can only hope the people we have brought to Parliament Hill will make the decision which will be most beneficial to the majority. After all, this is a democracy — isn't it?

Kelly McCallum

For shame, Bob

Members of the Niagara Knights' basketball team should be outraged and frustrated by comments made by the team's assistant coach, Bob Bedesky.

Being compared to kids in a game against Bryant and Stratton College in Buffalo really hurts.

Many American colleges have had sports scholarship programs for years. This gives them expertise and the opportunity to pick from the best players in the country.

The fact of losing the game by a score of 100 - 57, would be disheartening in itself, but to hear a coach say that there is no chance of winning and they do not know how to play the game must really sting.

It is amazing that Niagara still has a men's basketball team after the emotional outburst of Bob Bedesky. Although the score was lopsided, Niagara did do a commendable job at scoring 57 points on a far superior team.

If the team is as bad as the coach says it is then it is not the team's fault. The assistant coach must shed his pessimistic attitude for the team to learn his style of the game.

But maybe some good can come out of this bad situation. If Mr. Bedesky could show faith and respect in his player's ability to play the game, aided with his basketball knowledge, Niagara could be turned into a winning team.

The players of the Niagara's basketball team must be congratulated on their performance in Buffalo. Not only did they have the opposing team and its fans to contend with, but the assistant coach as well.

Martin Pokol

The snow will return

The snow is all gone but over the school break, area children had a great time sliding down hills at Chippawa Park. David and Stacey Currie get a push down the hill from their brother Danny. Four-year-old Alun Jones tackles the hill alone on his sled.

Photo by Martin Pokol

Letters

Thanks for coverage

Dear Editor:

Just a note of thanks to you and the Niagara News for all of the excellent publicity you gave to the Canadian Red Cross Society. The coverage of the blood clinics is always excellent and your use of the Society's "fillers" is also very much appreciated.

As various reports and our own experience show, it is becoming increasingly difficult to secure the services of new volunteers who are the essential contributors to such agencies as the Red Cross. Your publicity helps to advertise the services of the Agency and, hopefully, will help to encourage individuals to be willing to volunteer.

Sincerely,

Gail M. Hilyer
President
Welland Branch
Canadian Red Cross Society

Awe inspiring production

Dear Editor:

To all the members of the Theatre Centre Production of "The Mystery of the Oak Island Treasure":

BRAVO!

You are to be commended for an excellent production which was thoroughly enjoyed by children and adults alike.

The technology and special effects used in the last act were certainly "awe inspiring" (or as the kids would say, "totally massive") and a total surprise.

Keep up the great work!

L. Bardswich
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Assist at buyer's market

Fourteen first and second-year fashion arts students got a chance to help out at the Ontario Fashion Exhibitors buyer's market in Toronto from Jan 11 to 14.

The buyer's market runs four times a year, and is a market for retail buyers to visit manufacturers exhibiting fashion apparel, Carol Timm, fashion merchandising instructor, said. Different schools are given an opportunity to help out each time.

The market was held at the King Edward Hotel. Each student was assigned a suite number which represented an agent selling lines of fashion wear, such as ladies' sportswear, and lingerie. The student's job was to be an assistant to the agent, Mrs. Timm said. They were paid $60 for their help.

Students worked in the showrooms. If the buyer wanted to see how a dress looked when it was worn they had to model it and then fill in the order form, Mrs. Timm said. They also had to show the lines, that is to take the merchandise off the racks and show it to the buyer.

"This is a great experience for the students," Mrs. Timm said. "It gives them contacts for future employers, and gives them an opportunity to see what goes on at the buyer's market.

Doing such jobs will put Niagara College on the map as a program for fashion. "It will show we have energetic, enthusiastic students who are willing to help."

She hopes that next year the Niagara students might have an exclsive market "where everbody is given an opportunity to help."

Women 18-22

Annual Rose Festival starts search for Queen

The search has started for the 26th Annual Welland Rose Festival's Rose Queen.

Entrants must be between the ages of 18 to 22 as of June 5, 1987, to qualify. All applicants will be preinterviewed on Feb. 11 by the Rose Queen Committee to determine the final 10 contestants.

This year's prizes include $350 for the Rose Queen, $250 for the first princess and $150 for the second princess. Trophies will be awarded.

Applications are available in Welland from The Heritage Council, 27 Division St.; Crazy Lee's, 815 Ontario St., and Coles Bookstore, Seaway Mall.

Focus

Dashed hopes, lost dreams change horizons forever . . . .

This account was told to the Niagara News reporter in the summer, but it is not just a summer story. Its significance transcends seasons.

By MICHAEL SCHALK
Staff Writer

"Drugs and alcohol can really wreck your future," he said as he wound the fishing line in quietly. His feet kicked a quiet tattoo on the crumbling side of the cement wall.

College became a big nightmare. Two years ago he looked forward to entering college and pursuing his future there. All was lost as his life spun out in a nightmare of drugs and alcohol.

All his life he had been warned what damage drugs and alcohol could do. But life at college was lonely and depressing through a combination of homesickness and loneliness.

Tried it

"At first I said no but it didn't look as if it was hurting my friends so I tried it and liked it." He looked out at the sun reflecting off the rippling water. His feet stopped their tapping as he seemed to drift back into his past.

Peer pressure was the biggest factor. At the start the drugs had little effect on him. For the first three months the parties went on inside and outside his apartment because the crowd could not fit inside.

"By October I began to really use drugs, hash, weed, that kind of stuff...you know." Drugs became as normal as eating supper, but he refused the hard drugs because their effects were already evident on his friends.

"Soon I was spending about $30 a week on hash alone, mostly hash, some beans, oil...oil that's wicked stuff." He chuckled and started his tapping again.

This went on for 3½ months. By the middle of January his drinking and drugs increased as the fear of them slowly disappeared.

Soon they were spending $40 a night on drinks alone and a month later they doubled that. However they had to slow going to bars mainly because it was costing them too much. At the age of 19 he was on his way to becoming an alcoholic. He was never seen without a drink in his hand.

Peer pressure

"I guess it was a combination of depression and peer pressure with peer pressure being the stronger of the two." A wind had picked up slowly blowing his ruffled hair in its wake but he did not seem to notice.

Their drinking led to careless moments endangering life and limb. "I remember one really cold night," he laughed coldly. "My room-mate got very drunk and depressed. He wanted some time to himself so he went out in the freezing night and locked himself in his car. All he was wearing was a pair of shorts and a T-shirt. He didn't even know the difference. We finally got him out of the car and into the house. By this time he was very pale with blue lips." He laughed and then went on, "He was a funny sight."

"Another time I was at a bar and just spent more than $100 on drinks. I decided to go home and set off although I could barely walk. My legs felt like rubber. I remember getting sick along a road with cars whizzing by."

He continued fishing, although with the sun setting, it seemed unlikely that he would get another strike.

At that time he was spending more money on his habits than most students spend in a full year. Many days he was too stoned to realize what time it was and slept through classes.

"My math teacher finally came to me one day and asked if I was planning to stay enrolled in the course." He looked out from his fishing pole to the far side of the weir.

Then he realized that he had to ask himself the same question. "Was I really going to stay in school or had the time come when I had to pay the piper?" He pulled his jacket tighter around his skinny frame.

He called home that night and asked for someone to pick him up. Packing up most of his important stuff like his toaster and coffee maker, he went home.

Grinning he turned back to watching the slow water gurgle by the high cement wall where his feet continued their lonely rhythm.

"Well, it was when I got home that everything really fell apart." He reached into his pocket and pulled out a pack of cigarettes and offered me one which I refused. He grinned and pulled one out for himself. Lighting it he continued.

Broke news

At home he broke the news to his parents. His father could not understand it. He continued to demand answers to his questions. He wanted to know what had happened to all the money.

"My mother was the worst. She couldn't believe that I could have flunked out of school. I was supposed to be the scholar of the family. Now they don't expect anything from me." He sighed and began reeling in his line.

"That's all behind me now, you know. Now, I'm doing what I want to do and maybe I'll be somewhere yet, eh? Let me tell you — drugs and alcohol were great at first. Later they were to bring me as close to hell as I have ever wanted to be."

Teamwork, attitude 'marry' grads to jobs

By BLAIR CARR
Staff Writer

For those interested in high-paying jobs or work in their field, having the right attitude is the most important asset a graduate can have.

"The bottom line is attitude, just plain attitude," Placement Officer Ken Anderson said. "If you're not willing to work or get along with your workmates, then you're not much good to the company."

Of course possessing something upstairs doesn't hurt either.

"I've never known an employer to be a charitable organization," he said. "They'll choose the best overall candidate for the job they have, for the amount of money they want to spend."

Up-and-coming graduates should realize this grim fact of life and market themselves in the best possible way. Never fear there will always be help for graduates as long as the placement office exists.

The placement office, located diagonally across from the mini-cafetaria, provides addresses of employers, job search information and serves as a liaison between employers and graduates or their co-ordinators.

Mr. Anderson said that right now placement officers are going around to the classes to teach job-finding techniques such as resumes and covering letters.

"We don't have the same number of employers contacting us," he said. "A trend is to send the graduate to the employer to promote self marketing."

"If any employer calls, we jump right in."

Placement Officers Shirley Roberto and Ken Anderson: provide information, advertise on behalf of students and do a lot of telephoning to reach future employers. Together with co-ordinators, employers and graduates, they work as a team.

"It's a teamwork proposition, trying to marry up a graduate with a job, so both sides are mutually satisfied," Mr. Anderson said.

Women's Rights

Man wins quiz

The slogan, "What do you know about women's rights?" was answered last month, putting an end to the Women's Rights contest sponsored by the career library.

Gregory Laughton, college English teacher, won first place with Patricia Ford, a mechanical engineering technology student, a close second. Tied for third were Louise Smith, construction engineering student, and Sherry Van Vessem, business administration student.

Prizes were a gold pen for first place, a $20 gift certificate for Unique Expression jewelry presented by the fashion club boutique for second, and a women's engagement calendar for 1987 called Herstory for the third place winners.

There were 20 entries in the contest who had to face questions like, "Who was Saskatoon Lily?" or "Who was the first woman doctor to be trained in Canada?" Thirty per cent of the entrants were men.

Saskatoon Lily was a Canadian women's high jump champion in 1928 and the first Canadian-trained doctor was Dr. Augusta Stowe-Gullen in 1883.

FOR MEN, TOO

Mary Farrar, career library information officer, was glad that men had entered the contest. "It shouldn't just be a women's contest; men should be as aware of the changes happening to women's rights as women are."

The questions for the contest came from a quiz published in the Toronto Star for person's day on Oct. 18. Mrs. Farrar saw the quiz in the paper and thought "it would be a good thing to try."

Mrs. Farrar hopes the students come in and continue to browse after the contest. All the answers for the contest can be found in the women's resource area.

Learning new languages aim of summer program

Applications are available to those interested in attending the Summer Language Bursary Program 1987 at various institutions across Canada. Bursaries will be awarded by provincial co-ordinators to eligible applicants on a "first-come, first-served" basis or on the basis of a draw at the discretion of the province of residence.

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Applications and further information are available in the French Language Services department in Hennepin Hall.

L-o-n-g-g-g waits

The registrar's office was busy during the first week back to school. Students wishing to sign up for electives or change their schedules waited in lines for up to an hour. Everyone seemed resigned to lengthy waits — of course, it is great practice for the real world of checkout lines and traffic jams.

Photo by Maureen Martin

Eye-catching resume essential to job hunt

By SUSAN DORSEY
Staff Writer

Resumes are changing in a world where the white collar worker is dominant, a properly laid out resume is the best way to land a job, Richard Bockus, owner/operator of Nutech Laser Printing, told co-op students, giving them pointers on what a resume should contain.

Cluttered resumes have become obsolete and are expected to be custom designed and clear cut. Resumes are the first contact between an employer and potential employee. In a changing world with lifestyles becoming more chaotic an employer has limited time and will not spend it reading poorly prepared resumes.

"You have 30 seconds in which to catch the employer's eye; if you can do that then you have a lot more than 30 seconds because he is interested," Mr. Bockus said.

Proper resumes will catch the employer's eye; a resume is a first impression, Mr. Bockus said. A cover letter is important; it lets the employer know if he has found the right person, so don't be afraid to be forward in it.

Mr. Bockus told the students that a resume service in Toronto would cost $150. Nutech Laser Printing offers the same service for $12 a page. Outlines and ideas brought into Nutech will be fine tuned and compiled.

Twenty copies are printed for $12. If all 20 are not needed, the remaining copies will be kept on file for one year. New information can be put into the resume at a later date for a small fee.

Nutech offers several different designs for resumes. The resume writer has an option of the color and style of print. The color of the paper can be chosen, too. Mr. Bockus said this may make a difference because women generally associate with pastels and men may be comfortable with greys.

New nurse starts in health centre

Staff in the college Health Centre has changed over the Christmas holidays. Marian Kerr retired as college nurse and Dawn Hall, a nurse with 24 years experience, was hired to replace her.

Mrs. Hall was chosen over eight other applicants because of her experience, enthusiasm and personality, Bette Ferguson, director of student services, said.

The position of centre nurse was not advertised, people learned of it from word-of-mouth, Mrs. Ferguson said. The college was looking for a registered nurse who had experience dealing with the public, knew the area well, is resourceful and could work on their own and with students.

Mrs. Hall worked in day surgery, recovery, emergency and discharge planning at the Hotel Dieu Hospital, St. Catharines. Through her work in discharge planning, Mrs. Hall said she learned of a position on the Niagara Regional Home Care Program. She worked there part-time for three years.

Mrs. Hall said working at the college will be a good experience. "Every profession needs a change, I enjoy new challenges."

"It will be fun dealing with students; they are young, outgoing and going places."

New hours for the centre are Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is closed from noon to 1 p.m. each day.

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Armed Forces recruits in Region

Army band in Niagara

The Canadian Armed Forces' Central Band will be on a recruiting tour of the Niagara Region the month of February.

The band will play a series of concerts at the local high schools promoting the professional image of the Canadian Armed Forces as well as giving support to community charities.

Master Warrent Officer Donald Laver, talked about the band engagements for February at a press conference at the Yorkshire House, St. Catharines. The press conference was sponsored by the Press Theatre Guild, St. Catharines.

"We do all the promotional work for the Central Band because the Press Theatre has all the contacts," Carol Henderson, Press Theatre, said.

"If the band shows a professional attitude it will reflect on the whole force," Mr. Laver said.

The reason for touring high schools is to show a graduating senior an opportunity to receive a free university education and have the ability to travel.

Mr. Laver has been part of the Central Band for 25 years, and is the featured tenor soloist, and master of ceremonies for band performances.

The Central Band is one of several bands that the Armed Forces have; it travels more than 50,000 miles a year throughout the world performing at NATO bases and giving public concerts.

"We all march to a different drummer; but for the men and women overseas it is nice for them to hear a Canadian band and realize that their country hasn't forgotten them," he said.

The Central Band raises $50,000 a year for different charities through benefit concerts.

"Participation and support of worthwhile charities will make people aware of the social problems that plague our society," Mr. Laver said.

"I have been performing a long time and if I can bring some awarenes to a particular cause it makes me feel great."

It is important to show high-school students that an army band does not always play marching music, Mr. Laver said.

DONALD LAVER

Young people have a chance to identify with the band so that in the future they can become regular supporters.

The high school concerts inform the student that there are options available. It is a recruiting technique as the armed forces does not drag a person into service, Captain Ken Bettes, military career counsellor for St. Catharines, said.

The Armed Forces have a moral obligation to the community to let young people know what the armed forces is about, he said.

The high school students are the future audiences of tomorrow, Mr. Laver said. These tours are designed to give a sense of culture and identity to the armed forces.

"We have had an excellent response from the high schools from our performances," Mr. Bettes said.

The band puts on a special concert for the high school students which makes them participate with the band and lets them have fun instead of just sitting and listening to the music.

Canadian Armed Forces Central Band is the largest band in the Armed Forces. Because of constant personnel changes, the musical ideas and styles change, developing a repertoire for all ages. The band plays a variety of music, ranging from television show themes to rock'n'roll, and classical.

The Central Band is Canada's premier military music organization which has been designated as the official State Ceremonial Band in Ottawa; its members were selected from the Music Branch of the Canadian Forces.

Scheduled performances will be at Centennial Secondary School, Welland, on Feb. 9 at 2 p.m. and at 8 p.m.; on Feb. 11, the band will be at Lakeport Secondary School, St. Catharines, at 2 p.m. On Feb. 12 the band will give two concerts at Laura Secord Secondary School, St. Catharines, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and its final high school performance will be at Denis Morris High School, St. Catharines, on Feb. 13 at 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.

The Central Band will play at the Black Sea Hall 455 Welland Ave. St. Catharines, Feeb. 13. For more information call the Press Theatre box ofice at 684-6844.

Petitions ready for signing

Four petitions are in the Student Administrative Council office waiting to be signed by students.

The petitions were drafted by Carri Emerick, vice-president of internal affairs, to get student input on such issues as student representation on the board of Governors, increases in automobile insurance, opposition to the proposed waste dump in West Lincoln and proposed smoking sections in the college.

"If the people feel strongly enough about these issues they have somewhere to voice their opinions," Carri said. "These isssues need student support."

"The high increase in automobile insurance has the most signatures, because I think people can relate to it the most," she said.

Quiet times, silent footprints

A lonely looking day, a lonely winter day. Laughter no longer rings through Manera Court. No one lingers or rests upon the picnic tables — only the footprints in the snow to mark the passing of people. Come the spring and sun, laughter will dispel the loneliness of the court.

Photo by Maureen Martin

Advocates discover enrichment in new, rewarding friendships

By SUZANNE HERNANDEZ
Staff Writer

The saying a friend in need is a friend indeed is not just a cliche to Welland's citizen advocacy program.

Rather, it is an exact description of the program. Started just over a year ago, it matches people who are withdrawn from the community, such as the physically, mentally or emotionally handicapped, with people who are interested in helping them and forming friendships with them.

"The program helps integrate people into society," Pat Frank, Niagara instructor involved in making the initial contact between educational resource and special needs (ERSN) students and the advocacy program, said. "It helps bridge the gap from isolation into the community."

Friendship

"The whole point of this program is just to be a friend to your protege," Vicki Warring, a first-year ERSN student and an advocate, said.

No professional qualifications are needed to become an advocate. A citizen advocate is just someone who is a friend, and does things with their protege a friend would, Vicki said.

"The relationships are kept as natural as possible," Mrs. Frank said.

Vicki and her friend, Joan, a 27-year-old woman with emotional problems, have been friends since November. They often meet for coffee or to go shopping, and often talk to each other on the phone. Joan has met Vicki's two children, aged 10 and 12, and gets along well with them.

The two women do not have much in common as far as interests go; they were matched because Vicki is very talkative, and it was hoped that she could draw Joan out, and she has.

Before Joan met Vicki she had "'continual bad experiences which left her hurt and untrusting, and afraid to make friends," Mrs. Frank said, quoting from an article in the Dec. 13 Tribune.

Shows concern

"Joan does a lot of volunteer work, and talks to me about her activities on the phone. I ask her how her day went, and she asks me about mine, Vicki said.

"I've noticed a real difference in Joan as far as her concern for other people," Vicki said.

Seeing the change their friendship has brought out in Joan makes Vicki feel that being a citizen advocate is worthwhile.

As for Joan, "She feels that if she can make this friendship work, then she can make others work too," Mrs. Frank said.

Citizen advocates can come from all walks of life. Right now there is a real need for young men to be advocates for physically and mentally handicapped boys between 14 and 19, Mrs. Frank said.

"These young boys really need male influence." For the most part they have only had female influence in the schools and institutions they have been in." "They need someone to be a role model for them."

There are no restrictions on the amount of time advocates and proteges spend together, Mrs. Frank said. "Even if it's just going to see a hockey game together, it's worthwhile."

Anyone interested in becoming a citizen advocate can attend an informational session Jan. 27 at 135 East Main St. in downtown Welland. The session starts at 7 p.m.

For further information call Rosemary Chupik or Penny Ort at 788-0546.

Museum exhibits heirlooms

Cupboards were emptied, trunks were searched and attics were cleaned out to form a bicentennial exhibit called Heirlooms — Treasures of the Family, which will go on display at the Welland Historical Museum the week of Jan. 20.

The exhibit will be on loan from the Royal Ontario Museum.

It will include 75 pre-1860 pieces ranging from a lady's afternoon fan to a children's game, a 19th century iron penny bank and a delicate tea set.

The museum is open Tuesday to Saturday all year round and admission is $1 for adults and 50 cents for seniors and children.

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Flu attack subsides

The worst of the flu season at Niagara College seems to be over, Dr. Gerry Alexander, clinic doctor, said.

During December twice the number of patients visited the clinic at the Health Centre with a cold or the flu. Flu complications were rampant; bronchial problems, pneumonia and ear infections caused problems over the Christmas holidays.

Symptons of the Taiwan flu are abrupt fever, chills, malaise (tiredness), a cough, runny nose, muscle aches and the feeling that it is totally impossible to move.

The only treatment for it is bed rest, unless respiratory complications arise then antibiotics can be taken to fight the bacteria.

Antibiotics are not prescribed to flu victims because the flu, being a virus, is not affected by antibiotics, Dr. Alexander said.

"On average it takes a week to recover from the flu, but there are exceptions who are left feeling unwell for a month afterwards," Dr. Alexander said.

He said if a student is feeling tired or thinks he has the beginnings of a cold, he should go to the doctor because it might be more than it appears.

Many animals sit behind bars at the Humane Society awaiting an unknown future. Only you can help these animals by providing shelter, food and most importantly — love.

Photo by Bobbie Storey

Unwanted animals need love only humans can give them

By BOBBIE STOREY
and SUSAN DORSEY
Staff Writers

Their eyes follow you as you saunter up and down the aisles. They reach out longingly through the steel bars that house them. They're lonely, cold and scared; they want affection that only humans can provide.

The animals at the Humane Society, some strays, others wild, and some given up by families, are waiting for a caring person to give them a good home.

"Probably, the most pathetic reason people bring them to us is because the family is going away on holidays," Bernard Webb, inspector-manager of the Welland Humane Society, said.

The society gets about 10 to 12 calls a day to pick up animals.

People bring the animals in because they do not want them any more and the society is forced to play the numbers game.

"If we have 50 dogs — and we only have room for 50 dogs — and five come in then, five have to go."

The law states that the Humane Society must keep all stray animals for four days. After that it can put them to sleep, adopt them out, or dispose of them at its own discretion.

The animals are put to sleep by injecting them with an overdose of a barbituate.

If seriously injured animals come to them, they are put to sleep because the society cannot afford surgery for them.

The society does not sell animals. It asks for donations of $20 for a dog and $12 for a cat.

"We don't give animals away because if you can't afford to donate money for an animal, how will you afford to feed it," Mr. Webb said.

The society gets some of its money from donations and fund raisers. This money provides housing and food for the animals. Money from the municipality covers animal control, a mobile unit is available 24 hours a day in case of emegencies

Society officers have the same rights as police officers when it comes to the treatment of animals. They can follow up on any animal it adopts out to be sure it is treated properly.

Mr. Webb spoke of receiving a call from two girls who found six puppies in a garbage bag at the Wainfleet dump.

"People are terribly irresponsible and cruel to unwanted animals."

The society is not a pound or a place where strays go until they are claimed. If they are not claimed, they are put to sleep, not adopted out.

Nor does it have dogs and cats only. The Humane Society cares for every type of animal in the Welland, Thorold, Pelham and Wainfleet area. Some of the animals it had are opossums, racoons, skunks, a pig, goats, seagulls and other wild birds. It had two ferrets as boarders last month. They were found in a Welland resident's backyard.

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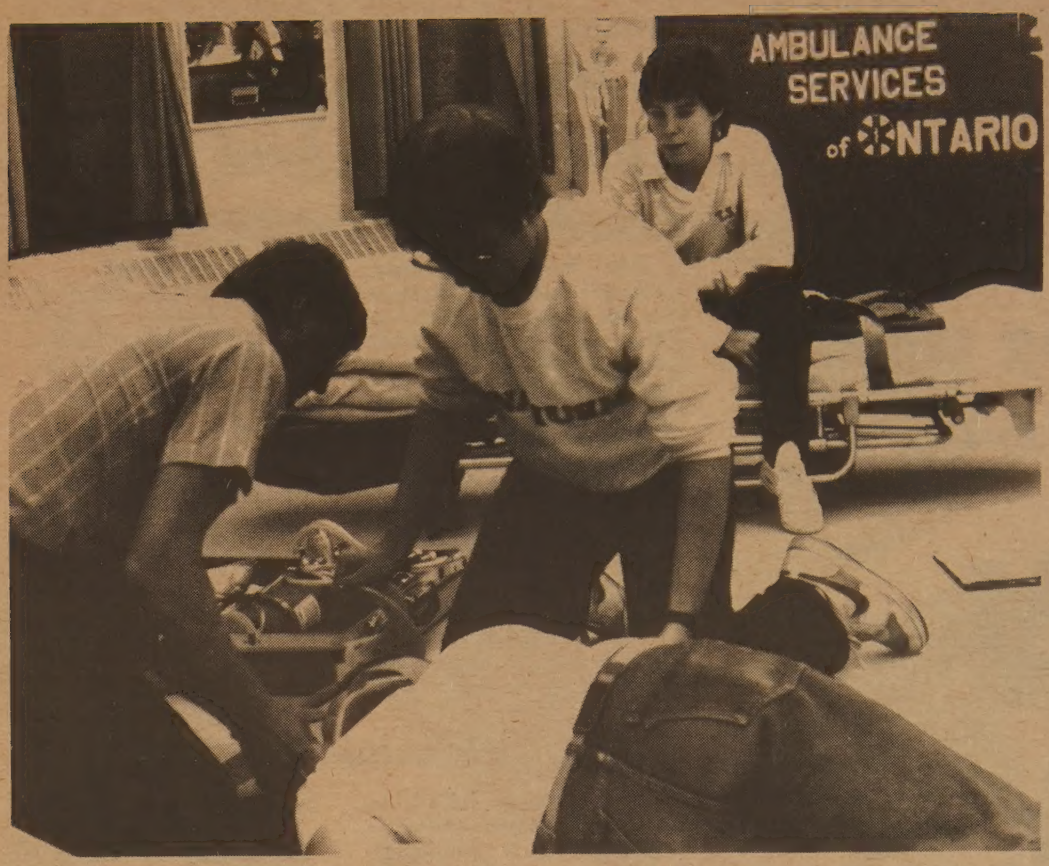

Ambulance attendants supply oxygen to patient Ferd Runge while his wife sits down on a stretcher to calm herself down from the initial shock of the mock accident.

Photo by Blair Carr

Ambulance procedure

Scenarios help students train

By BLAIR CARR
Staff Writer

A 70-year-old man named Harry was found by a Welland ambulance crew on his kitchen floor after he fell while changing a light bulb. His right arm was broken and his left hand was bleeding. He screamed and fought, resisted going to the hospital until he was calmed down. His wife was hysterical and required reassurance.

The crew arrived on the scene just in time to stop the bleeding and move him out safely. They barely had time to load their equipment into the ambulance when another call beckoned them to St. Davids Road east.

An all terrain vehicle flipped over on its rider. A 17-year-old man suffered pain in his left leg, a bleeding left forearm, broken leg and a painful right wrist.

Learning

The men and women of the ambulance and emergency care program deal with these kinds of situations every day and have a good time in the learning process.

Ambulance students practise their life-saving skills by acting out their own accidents called scenarios or, as students call them, "scarrios." A student poses in a designated position as a victim, while two ambulance attendants wait outside. Other roles are a bystander and hysterical wife. On cue from the instructor, they come in with a stretcher and emergency gear. The instructor informs the attendants of the injuries and the accident.

Realistic

"It is a chance to learn principles and apply these in actual settings," instructor Jim Fisher said.

Bruce Hunter, student, said, "It (the scenario) puts everything together right here. Besides the clinicals (work experience), they are the next best thing."

Steve Crossley, student, said "You just don't know what you're coming into — a car accident or a scaffolding break.

Every patient is different but there are priorities of treatment which student attendants follow. Before moving a patient, attendants will check for adequate airway, pulse, breathing adequacy, consciousness (shining light in pupils), evidence of spinal injury and hemmorhaging. Equipment such as an otoscope (pupil flashlight) and oxygen mask are used. Mr. Fisher said bleeding should be stopped as soon as possible to prevent hypo-volemic shock even if the patient is complaining about pain elsewhere.

"You should do as much as possible for a patient before turning them over," Mr. Fisher, a 10-year St. Catharines ambulance attendant, informed the class.

This includes "utilizing all resource persons at the scene for accident and medical information."

During the dressing of wounds and application of splints to fractures, the victims of the scenarios — Ferd Runge and Sean McCracken — satirically screamed whenever an aching limb was touched.

When the patients are "real people with real fractures," the slightest movement will cause "quite a lot of screaming," Mr. Fisher said.

Analysed

After bringing the patient to a makeshift ambulance, the attendants reported vital signs to an examiner/physician. The examiner then analysed the two attendants' performance which opens the forum for the class to make criticisms.

Mr. Crossley said, "It's really good. It's a criticism. They don't tell you, you did this and this right; they tell you, you did this and this wrong."

The students start off with these scenarios to prepare for hospital and ambulance clinicals. They spend time observing in operating room, recovery room, intensive care unit and emergency room two days a week in January. Prior to this the students travel as third man with an ambulance crew, mostly observing treatment.

"There are no restrictions placed on size or strength for students as long as the proper technique of lifting the stretcher is used," Mr. Fisher said.

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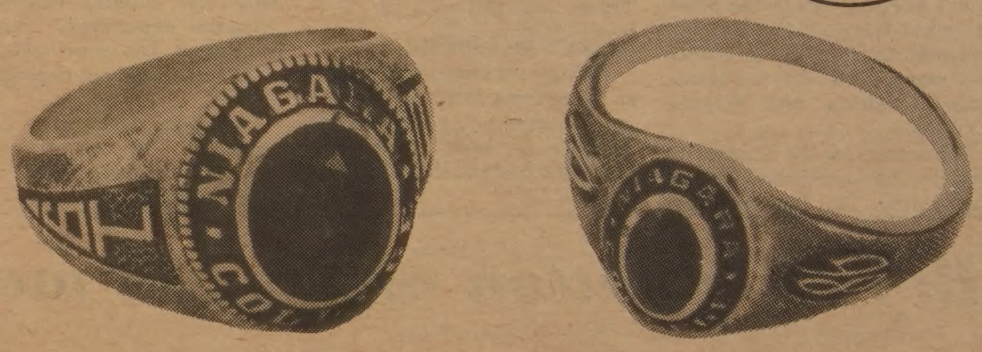

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SPORTS

Women's team starting right, defeat George Brown 64-59

By DONNA MORRISON
Staff Writer

In what proved to be an exciting, fast-paced game, the Niagara Knights women's basketball team began the new year in a refreshing way, defeating George Brown 64-59 in the college gym, Jan. 12.

Knights coach Mizette Critelli said the team had two objectives; to beat the Huskies by five, and to stop their one scoring leader, Kim Robinson. The Knights reached these goals, showing they wanted to win with the tough man-to-man coverage and excellent shooting from around the key. In previous games, Niagara was afraid to shoot the ball from outside, but in this game key shots were made in that area.

The Knights almost forgot to attend the game due to a scheduling mix-up; school calendars had the game scheduled on Jan. 13, but the master schedule had the game on the twelfth. Some team members had to be notified in the afternoon about the change.

Knights player Donna Stonos, in white, puts tough pressure on a George Brown player at the first regular season game of the new year; the Knights came through with a 64-59 victory at home.

Photo by Donna Morrison

SHUT DOWN KIM

Niagara players Sue Sbrizzi, Laura Monaghan and Donna Stonos were standouts defensively, shutting down Kim, who only scored 10 points. And Charlotte Prevost had a good game offensively for the Knights, scoring on some good, sharp passes.

The score remained close throughout the first half, both teams keeping within one point of each at one time. But Niagara widened the gap by 10 points with one minute left; the teams entered halftime with Niagara up 38-26.

Top scorers for the Knights included Charlotte with 22 and Laura with 13. The Huskies' leading scorer was Bonnie Strong with 16 followed by Tracey Mitchell with 12.

HUSKY PRESSURE

Though the Huskies pressured in the opening minutes of the second, closing the gap 38-32, Niagara got back in the game and stretched the lead to a game high of 12.

George Brown kept fighting coming within two of Niagara with one minute remaining. Niagara experienced careless turnovers, but were fortunate the Huskies did not capitalize on them.

"We were lucky they didn't cash in on on the turnovers," assistant coach Judy Halaiko said.

Women's team tries but injuries lead to loss

Women lose to Vanier

The Niagara Knights women's basketball team lost to the Vanier Cheetahs of Montreal by a lopsided 72-25 score in the first game of an exhibition tournament Jan. 8 at Seneca College.

Though the Cheetahs had the advantage in height and size the Knights played a good defensive and offensive game in the first half, staying within reach of the team which is second in the Quebec league. But in the second half Niagara looked tired, showing limited pressure; they could only manage nine points in the second.

The half-time score, 35-16, quickly stretched to 63-23 with six minutes remaining as Vanier took over the scoreboards.

"The first half was a definite indication of how we can play," Knights coach Mizette Critelli said.

Top scorer Charlotte Prevost had 11 points for the Knights, followed by Laura Monaghan with six. The Cheetahs' top scorers included Suzy Czelnai with 21 and Christine Treinson with 14.

Girls within 7 points

The Niagara Knights women's basketball team rebounded from Thursday's loss to come within seven of the Champlain Cavaliers from Montreal in the second exhibition game Jan. 9 at Seneca College.

Knights coach Mizette Critelli said the team played well defensively, playing well together as a team. They managed to squeak by Champlain at halftime by a close 31-29 score.

In the second, the team fell behind 26-17. Kim Girotti suffered a shoulder injury midway through the first, leaving only six players on the bench; Champlain was then able to defeat the Knights 55-48.

"I thought the girls played well in this game," Mizette said.

Charlotte Prevost led the Knights with 16 points, followed by Kim with 11, and Laura Monaghan with 10. Top scorer for Champlain was Wendy Dickenson with 21 points and Christine Dejordy had 14.

Knights suffer third loss

In the last day of the exhibition tournament, the Niagara Knights suffered its third loss to the Dawson Lady Blues 59-34 at Seneca College Jan. 10.

"We did not play well in the first half," Knights coach Mizette Critelli said. "They showed us a lot of pressure and it just rattled the girls."

Niagara fell behind 37-12 at halftime; the 19 turnovers in the first half were a "big factor." Mizette said the girls "were not disciplined" and the offence, though they had many fast breaks, gave up the ball.

But in the second, in a man-to-man defence, the team "decided to play" and tied Dawson 22-22. Mizette said it reached its goal in the second, but lost it in the first.

Laura Monaghan led the Knights with 18 points. Dawson's top scorer was Lorna Grant with 15 followed by Rachelle Reed with 12.

Mizette said the team played well overall in the tournament, but injuries really hurt the team.

Bryant-Stratton massacres men

BUFFALO, N.Y. — It was only an exhibition — an exhibition of Bryant-Stratton's basketball superiority over the Niagara men Knights. Losing by a 100-57 score, the Knights can only be grateful there were only seven spectators in attendance and that they were out of the country for this massacre.

"We were kids compared to them," assistant coach Bob Bedesky said. "The fact is these guys don't know how to play ball, they're not a team. Some have potential but they'll never realize it."

The Tigers jumped to a 6-0 lead which was cut in half by a Larry Bone 3-pointer at 18:03. From then on, things went downhill for Niagara as they found themselves down 52-27 at halftime.

Mr. Bedesky used his whole bench and accredited usual second-stringers David Hartman and Anson Humphreys as being the Knights' standouts. He was pleased with the hustle of 6-foot 6, Rick Nalazek.

The Knights had played the Tigers in November and lost by 18. Mr. Bedesky said the margin could have been higher had it not been their first time playing basketball in Canada this year.

For this game the tables were turned and it was the Knights who were forced to adapt to the American refereeing, playing the same tough team.

Going into the second half of the season, the Knights have a record of two wins and six losses, ninth place in an 11-team tier in the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association. They require a sixth place finish or better to make the playoffs.

Their next challenge is an OCAA exhibition tournament on Jan. 9 and 10 at George Brown in Toronto. After the Bryant-Stratton outcome, Mr. Bedesky was understandably pessimistic about the team's tournament chances or its future.

"There is no chance of winning," Mr. Bedesky said. "If these guys can have fun, that's all that matters. If they can't dedicate themselves to the sport maybe they'll dedicate themselves to the team and have fun."

The Knights' next regular season game is on Jan. 16 against Algonquin in Ottawa. They beat this 10th place team by nine points in their last encounter and is a must-win game if they hope to make the playoffs.

See the Sabres Jan. 28

Wednesday, Jan. 28, marks another sports excursion sponsored by the Student Administrative Council. Students only pay $25 to attend an exciting match-up between the Buffalo Sabres and Pittsburgh Penguins; the fee includes bus and ticket. Donna Flutur, office manager at Sac, said all the other sports excursions have been sold out and the response has been great. There are 25 tickets available; further information is available at the SAC office.

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SPORTS

Doug Jones, in white, of the Niagara Knights wins a key face-off with a Penn State player in the Knights upset victory at the Welland Arena last Saturday night. Niagara won the game 8-5 and drew with the Penn State Nittany Lions 5-5 Friday Jan. 9 after playing a scoreless 10-minute overtime period.

Photo by Doug Ives

Knights finish 1986 with overtime loss

By BLAIR CARR
Staff Writer

OLEAN, N.Y. — Sudden-death overtime was the difference in a close battle between the best and worst of the International Collegiate Hockey league.

The first-place St. Bonaventure Brown Indians edged the last-place Niagara Knights 5-4 after a Sam Farace breakaway at 4:48 of extra time. From inside his blue line, Farace beat an opposing defencemen to break in on the Niagara goalie sliding it through his legs. Both teams had had spectacular chances and the last game prior to the Christmas break could have gone either way.

"We were looking for a Christmas present early; we just fell short in overtime," assistant coach Cam Wilson said.

The Knights were down 4-3 with two minutes remaining when a speedy rush by Mike Korolenchuk forced a tripping penalty against the (Brown) Indians. With a minute remaining, Niagara coach Fred Bassi pulled goalie Mark Bush.

PAID OFF

The gamble paid off as captain Bob Thrower evened the score with a high, hard shot to the top left-hand corner of the net. Bob Bird assisted and made the play possible by trapping the puck with his body, to keep it in the St. Bonaventure zone.

Mr. Wilson said the team played well for the first, third and overtime periods.

"We were pressing all the time and just didn't capitalize on our chances."

PENALTIES PROBLEM

The Knights' downfall was triggered by a series of penalties starting late in the first period that seemed to carry over for the second. They had a 1-0 lead with 60 seconds remaining in the first period and gave up a shorthanded goal. In the second, the Indians scored two more powerplay goals making the score 3-1 after the second.

"It was the stupid penalties — that's what killed us," Mr. Wilson said. And a team should never be allowed to score in the last minute of the first period as St. Bonaventure did.

Niagara's goalie Mark Bush played his first game as a Knight after recuperating from a jaw operation. At crucial moments, he held the Knights in the game and was not at fault for any of the goals.

"He played one hell of a game," Mr. Wilson said. "There were times when the goal post is your friend but there's nothing wrong with that."

Niagara's scorers were: Mark Turner with two goals, Bob Bird and Bob Thrower each with singles.

For St. Bonaventure, it was Mat Alessandrio with two goals, Mike Gaskins, Chris Ohlweiler and Sam Farace with one.

Hockey Knights start year out on right foot

The hockey team started the new year on the right foot upsetting the Penn State Nittany Lions 8-5 Jan. 10 and drawing with the second place Lions 5-5 after a 10-minute overtime period the night before. Both games were played at the Welland Arena.

Niagara is near the bottom of the table and chasing Buffalo State for the last playoff spot in the International Collegiate Hockey League. Buffalo has games in hand but have some tough games coming up against the league's top teams.

The games were fast paced with both teams handing out their share of heavy hits but, for the most part, each team played a wide open style which made for exciting end-to-end action.

The Knights jumped to a two goal lead early in both games but allowed Penn State back into the games by taking the majority of the penalties.

FOUR NEW PLAYERS

Niagara's roster has been shored up with the addition of four new players. Rod Estabrooks, Kent Rice, John Allen and Terry Maisonneuve give the Knights new depth and are helping make its playoff hopes brighter. "Our playoff chances are looking good and with the four guys we picked up we now have four strong lines," Niagara captain Bob Thrower said.

Scorers for Niagara in Saturday's game were Neil MacDonald and Terry Maisonneuve with two each. Devis Milani, Doug Jones, Mark Turner and Pat Flynn added singles. Niagara Coach Fred Bassi said the win was a result of a good team effort and some good goaltending from Mark Bush who faced 35 shots. The Knights outshot the Lions 40-35 on Saturday and 57-45 on Friday night.

Niagara appears to have overcome some of its problems from the first half of the season and is settling down to playing entertaining hockey for the whole 60 minutes. Bob Thrower said the fan support is helping the team's motivation and will be a factor in the playoffs to be held in Welland in February.

Niagara got a two-goal performance from Bob Bird and singles from Rod Estabrooks, Brian Millejours and Mike Korolenchuk in Friday's game.

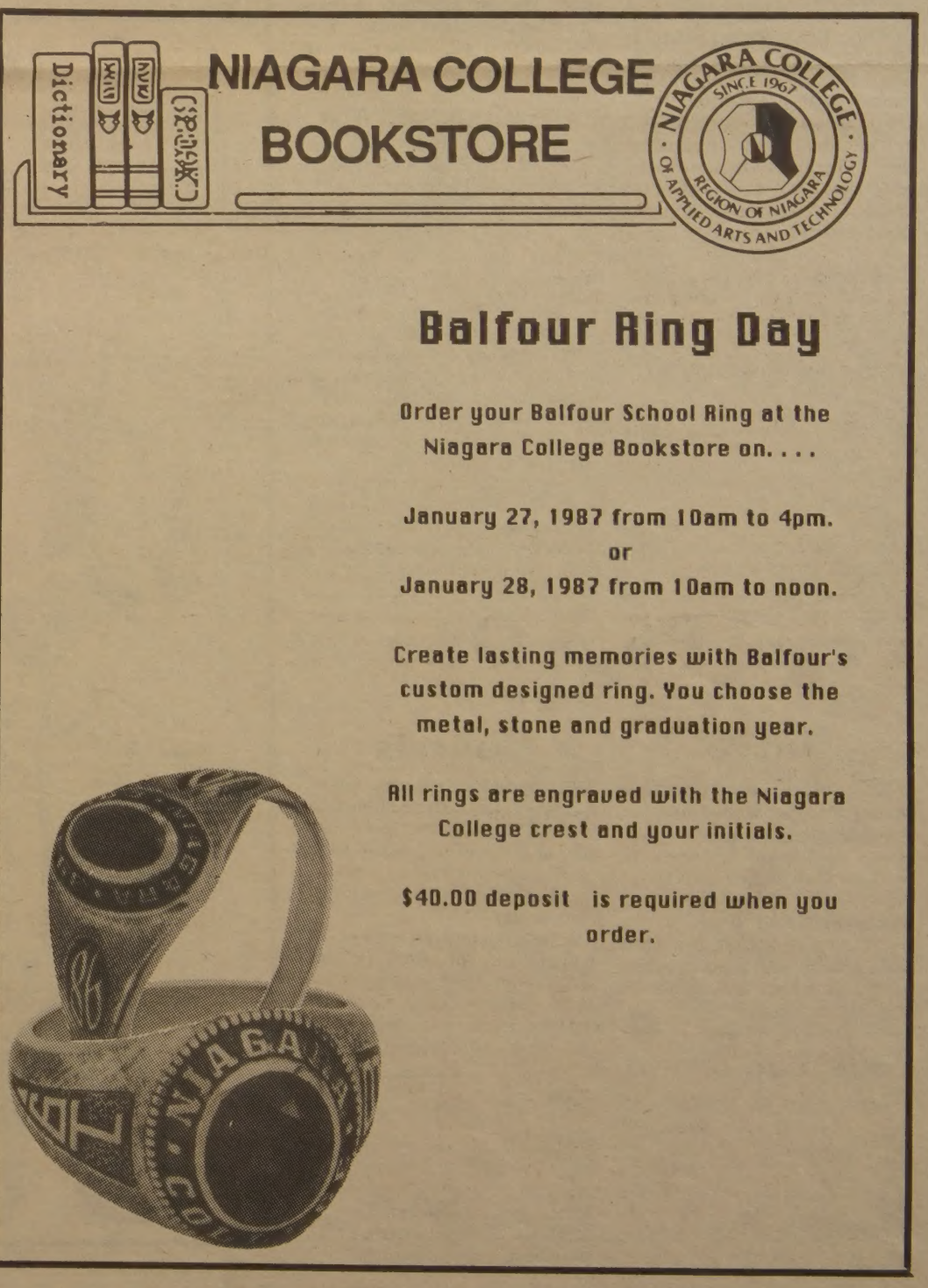
For all those hockey fans who are tired of hockey on television the Knights offer some live action as they take on the University of Rochester Saturday, Jan. 24, at the Welland Arena.

Curling teams go to Hamilton for bonspiel

The Niagara College curling team travelled to Hamilton yesterday to compete in the Annual Hap Holman Invitational. Mohawk College was the host college.

Niagara was represented by four teams: two mixed teams, a men's team and a team made up of faculty, at the bonspiel competing against teams from Fanshawe and Mohawk.

The final results of the bonspiel were not available at press time.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Woman in technician program becoming 'just one of the boys'

By SUSAN WRAY
Staff Writer

When a woman enrols in a program that is traditionally for men, becoming "just one of the boys" is inevitable.

St. Catharines resident Grace Bochenek is the only woman enrolled in the power engineering technicians program this year and says she is becoming "more comfortable" as time goes on. Three women graduated from the program last year.

"There's still a lot of people who think that women's place is in the home, and perhaps I thought that, but these four women have convinced me otherwise," Ivan Bradaric, program co-ordinator said.

Niagara College is the only college in Ontario with an " approved program" that offers a third class engineering certificate or the qualifications as a second class gasfitter upon graduation, he said.

GRACE BOCHENEK

Computers

The program offers students training in operating large company boilers, maintenance, mechanical duties to a certain degree and the supervision of large complexes such as supermarkets and shopping plazas.

It provides training using state-of-the-art computer-based operator workstations which bring to the operator's screen the overall and detailed operating and control parameters of a plant.

Computers were introduced into the program last year, Mr. Bradaric said. "We're building on last year's experience."

Environmental control and water treatment is another employment opportunity for graduates, and an area Grace is considering when she completes the program.

From Poland

"This area requires quite a bit of chemistry background and that is where Grace will excel," Mr. Bradaric said.

Grace came to Canada four years ago from Poland, where she worked in pharmaceutical enterprises as a chemist technician.

Looking for a course that would help her get a good job, Grace attended a lecture at the Canada Employment Centre regarding courses it sponsors at Niagara College.

"I didn't like the idea of cooking or welding," she said. She decided on stationary engineering because it was the one she thought was the most interesting.

An attractive woman with blonde hair and dark eyes, Grace said she enjoys her courses in math, physics and chemistry and has an interest in how mechanical things work. "The hardest part will be the practical work."

Co-op program

In a co-op program, students go into a working environment to gain practical experience for six months over the 60-week course. "It's two months on and two months off," Mr. Bradaric said. Quite often students are employed at the place of co-op following graduation.

"Women have worked out better or equally as well as the men,"Mr. Bradaric said of three women who graduated last year. "I think they all had natural leadership qualities."

During the interviewing process, Mr. Bradaric said, "I try to discourage them to see if they're persistent." He looks for motivation and determination. "Their background has little bearing on their success."

The men seem to be "quite receptive" towards the women in the program, he said. "They tend to respect women in the classroom."

The 30-year-old married mother of two said she found it difficult at first as she strove to improve her English, but is more comfortable now and enjoys the new friendships she has made.

Academic pressure takes toll on SAC

The Student Administrative Council has lost another member to the academic pressures of school.

Kelly McCallum, 21, former vice-president of finance, handed in her resignation Dec. 15, 1986, citing a heavy academic workload as the reason for resigning. Jamie Dufour, an interior design student and former social convener, resigned at the end of November for similar reasons.

"I felt that my academic responsibilities were more important," Kelly said.

Kelly, a second-year journalism student, said she feels more personable and understands a lot more about school politics and student life from her experience as vice-president of finance on SAC and she does not regret it.

"The responsibility itself wasn't that demanding — it's just trying to stay involved in the social aspect of school and in the eye of the student body," she said. "It took too much time away from my studies."

UNDERSTANDS

Kathleen Harvey, SAC president, said the council is understanding of Kelly's decision.

For a number of years the previous councils considered making the roles of bookkeeper, which is similar to the role of vice-president of finance, into the same one but this would mean making an amendment to SAC's constitution because the office of the vice-president of finance is to be elected or acclaimed.

Kathleen said the role of the vice-president of finance is a big job but it is more efficient with only one person doing it.

The proposal for the amendment will be presented at a conference at the beginning of February. If the amendment is not passed, then there will be an election for the position, but Kathleen is confident that the position of bookkeeper and vice-president of finance will be one and the same.

Niagara is not the only college to have members of their SAC executive resign. Kathleen said other colleges experience the same thing this time of year. "In some cases there comes a time when you have to choose between your academics and student council."

Seeks theme for carnival

The Student Administrative Council is holding a competition to decide a theme for its winter carnival.

One trip for two to Kissing Bridge will be awarded to the person who comes up with the best theme. The trip will include transportation by bus to Kissing Bridge.

Feb. 2 is the final day to enter the contest. Ideas may be submitted to the SAC office. A date for the carnival has not been decided.

From Page One

Buses

Bus drivers are afraid of sliding into cars in bad weather because if such an accident happens they (the drivers) are automatically suspended for three days without pay. Mr. Hrechanyk said he does not want to give students a hard time but the situation is potentially dangerous and cannot be ignored.

Boards

In appointing external board members, particular emphasis is to be placed on "the need to ensure appropriate representation of Franco-Ontarians, women, and the college's ethno-cultural community."

After his announcement in the Legislature, Mr. Sorbara met separately with representatives of the college unions, students; and presidents and chairmen of the boards of governors.

Volleyball begins

Intramural women's volleyball begins Jan 27; those interested must register by Monday Jan. 26 at 3 p.m. Mizette Critelli and Judy Halaiko are running the teams which play in the gym during the lunch hour on Tuesday and Thursdays.

SWAP speaker

Margot Haldenby will be representing the Student Work Abroad Program (SWAP) tomorrow in the Secord Room at 12:10 to inform students about work in a foreign country.